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SPION KOP TAKEN BY **ASSAULT**

By General Warren's Men, and the Position Evacuated by the Small Boer Garrison.

THE KEY TO THE SITUATION

Is in the Hands of the British, and is Being Held Against Strong Attacks.

LONDON, Jan. 25, 4:15 a. m.-General Buller's phrase "The men are splendid" thrills England with pride and confi dence. His taking and holding Splon Kop are considered permanent advantages.

Sir Charles Warren's opinion that miles of the adjacent Boer entrenchments are untenable is accepted by expert observers as obviously true, because of the height of the position, although some point out that it may lack adequate gun platform to resist artillery fire from the two extended sides.

It is not likely that General Warren will let go anything he holds and new of further success is calmly awaited The military authorities recognize, of course, that in the twelve or fifteen miles between Spion Kop and Lady smith there are continuous defensive positions and rugged bills and ravines which far outrange Spion Kop, but they are sure that the troops who have turned the Boers out of difficult places can do it again. The military expert of the Times says:

"It is exceedingly difficult to arrive at any exact estimate of the advantage gained. A definite tactical object has been attained, and definite steps have been taken in the fulfillment of the strategic plan. It is necessary to awalt fuller information before attaching undue weight to the success thus far at tained. At least there has been steady

The Kildonan Castle reached Durbar yesterday (Thursday) with 2,000 additional troops for General Buller and three troopships have arrived from In-dia, bringing among others, a regiment of lancers. Beyond these it is not pub licly known here how heavily General Buller has been reinforced, but those having certain conections with the war office are confident that General Buller will have as many more men as he may need to make his work easier.

The situation in the neighborhood of the other armies is unchanged, but a forward movement by General French is daily expected.

A dispatch to the Standard from Rensberg describes General French's dispositions as now forming a great semi-circuit around the Boer positions. The correspondent says he could take Colesburg, two miles away at any time

A letter from Pretoria gives the tex of a complaint which President Kruger made to President Steyn regarding the want of co-operation on the part of the Free Staters at Modder river, and also President Steyn's address to the Free Staters. Mr. Kruger said he had learn ed with regret that "only about 1,000 men of the Free State fought in the last battle and that many others remained in their camps while their brothers re-sisted and even defeated their enemy."

These statements appear to give official confirmation to the reports of dis agreements between the allies.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The war office has just issued the following dispatch from Spearman's Camp, dated January 25,

"General Warren's troops last night occupied Spion Kop surprising the small garlson, who fled. It has been held by us all day, although we were heavily attacked especially by a very annoying shell fire.

fear our casualties are consider able and I have to inform you, with re gret, that General Woodgate was dangerously wounded.

General Warren is of the opinion that he has rendered the enemy's pos intenable. The men are splendld. LONDON, Jan. 25, 2:25 p. m .- The jubilation over General Warren's achievement in capturing Spion Kop Warren's Wednesday light is chastened by the realization that his success is only provisional as it appears clear from Gen Buller's dispatch that the Boers fully recognize the strategical importance of on Kop and at the time his message was sent off they had not abandoned the hope of recapturing the position Nevertheless a heavy load of anglety has been removed from the nation, and there is general expectation that as th British have succeeded in keeping the hill all day long they will manage to retale it until General Warren plants and enough on it to dominate the Boen Cenches right and left. There is the sual disposition here to exaggerate the importance of the point scored, but the best informed people realize that General Buller still has a task ahead of him calling for the most dogged persistence and untiring attack, and that

position develops. Though General Buller's dispatch is dated to-day and speaks of Spion Kop-being captured "last night," is appar-

difficulties will increase as the

means Tuesday night. As, according to General Buller's disthe "small garrison was surplied," his subsequent statement, "One es were considerable" indicates that Bellish suffered greatly later, from

the shell fire from a farther Boer posi-The gratement that there was only a

ined the Boers were there in great force, and it is taken in some quarters to indicate that the Boers were not so surprised at the assault as it appeared, but previously drew off their body and left a small body to withstand the British advance. It is even suggested that the Boers invelgied the British into occupying Spion Kop and have now surrounded them.

Boer Artillery Enfilades.

It is evident, in spite of the fact that the British hold Potgleter's Drift and the hills above, that the Boers have suc ceeded in bringing up enough artillery to inflict considerable losses on the British force which seized Spion Kop, although Lord Dundonald is suppos to have been scouring the country beyond the ranges in order to preven t this very thing, and although General Lytleton ought to have got near enough to Spion Kop to either intercept the retreating Boers or prevent a serious at-tack once the British had taken possession of the hill.

The American scout. F. R. Burnham now on his way back to South Africa, expressed considerable satisfaction at the news of the capture of Spion Kop. He said to a representative of the Astoclated Press:

'It is evident that the Boer position is being shaken, and I do not think it will be a long business now to drive the Boers out of the Drakensburg. shall then reach a rolling, open country, where there is a chance to display tactics and undertake flanking movements and cavalry operations. But the Boers are sure to make a most de-It termined stand around Pretoriawill not take long to reach the Boer capital, but the siege of Pretoria will be long and difficult."

Burnham sails for South Africa on board the Scot, to take up his appointment on Feld Marshal Lord Roberts nersonal staff.

He says Ingram, another scout, leaves San Francisco forthwith to join him in

Buller's Orders, "Advance!"

LONDON, Jan. 25.-In General Buler's orders to his troops, the substance of which has already been cabled to the Associated Press, after warning them to beware of false orders, he concludes: "Our generals will only give one order, namely 'advance!' Should any one at any time be surprised by a volley at close quarters he must member that the only way to safety and victory lies in rushing upon the enemy, for the one thing the enemy can not stand is a hand-to-hand fight. This war has been forced for the lowest and basest of motives, by an enemy who uses every means of treachery deceit conspiracy to gain their ends. Let us bear ourselves as the cause

CAPTAIN CARROLL,

In Command of Telegraph Construction Train, Ambushed.

LAGOS, Colony of Lagos, British West Africa, Jan. 25 .- Advices have just been received here from Jebba that Captain Carroll, of the Norfolk regiment, and 150 men of the West African frontier force, while escorting the telegraph construction staff, were attacked on January 9, by 2,000 Mitchi and Basa tribesmen Captain Eaton, of the East Kent regiment, and twelve others, were wounded and one member of the escori was killed. The tribesmen left eight;

Jebba is probably northeast of Lo koja on the Niger,in which vicinity apparently the attack was made.

TELEGRAPHIC TIPS

Osma Digna has been taken to Suez Admiral Schley was given a brilliant entertainment at Buenos Ayres.

The Columbian special, on the Plant system, was deralled near Waycross, Fla. No one is reported killed, but sev-eral were injured.

General Olis informed the war de-artment that the transport Grant ar rived at Manila yesterday morning with the volunteer infantry, Colonel W. P. Duval commanding.

The remains of John Ruskin, which were removed from Brantwood, were interred at Coniston yesterday after-noon amidst universal signs of sadness and with a ceremonial typically rural.

General Wood, at Havana, has in-ormed the war department of the leath of Private Howard C. Acre, Company F. Eighth infantry, on the 22d nst., at Columbia barracks, Quenados of appendicitis.

The German naval bill provides for The German navat our provides for the doubling of the present number of battleships and the construction of six large and seven simil additional cruis-ers. The expenditure will be annually provided for in the setimates.

Prof. Max Muller, Corpus professor f comparative phillogy at Oxford, who was supposed to be recovering long illness, has suffered a re lapse and his condition is causing great anxiety. He was born in 1828.

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James and Amos "Pinney" Pierce,
the brothers were were arrested in connection with the murder of George B.

Eyre, the young Chester, Pa., man,
whose body was found in the Delaware after he had been missing for a month, were given a preliminary hear-ing before Mayor Jeffries, of Philadel-phia. The two men were held without The two men were bail for a further hearing.

'The coroner's jury in the case of May Biblinghaus, the 19-year-old girl who died at a hospital after smoking oplum, has rendered a verdict placing the re-sponsibility on Hugh Kennedy, as prinsponsibility on Hugh Reinledy, as pin-cipal; Harry Parker, Frank Reynolds, George Gregg and James Grey as acsories. These men were committee prison to await the action of the

News has just been received at St. Johns, N. F., that a large unknown vessel went ashore on Foxtail Point, in Bay St. George, on Wednesday, Jahu-ary 17. Her spars were all gone and a lot of wreckage was along her she showed no sign of men or bonts. The statement that there was only a southeast gale on Saturday drove the somewhat Le a surprise, as it was imag- vented anybody getting near the wreck,

MAJORITY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

By a Vote of 268 to 50, and Brigham H. Roberts, Mormon, of Utah, is

DENIED A SEAT IN CONGRESS.

Declared Himself a "Martyr to a Spasm of Prejudice"-Will Not Bun Again.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25 .- The case of Brigham H. Roberts, the Mor man representative-elect from Utah, which has occupied so much of the attention of the house since the asse bling of Congress, was decided to-day by the adoption of a resolution to ex-clude him by a vote of 268 to 50.

The exact language of the resolution was as follows:

"That under the facts and circumstances of the case, Brigham H. Rob erts, representative-elect from the state of Utah, ought not to have or hold a seat in the house of representatives, and that the seat to which he was elected, is hereby declared vacant.

The amendment to expel Mr. Roberts without seating him, offered by Lacey, was ruled out on a point of order, and the house only voted upon the resolutions of the minority and the majority of the committee.

The former, to seat and then expel Mr. Roberts, was defeated, 81 to 244. An analysis of this vote shows that 170 Republicans, 72 Democrats and 2 Populists were against it, and 71 Democrats 6 Republicans, 2 Populists and 2 silver Republicans for it.

The majority resolutions, to exclude Mr. Roberts and declare the seat vacant, were adopted, 268 to 50. The affirmative vote was divided as follows Republicans, 156; Democrats, 96; Populists. 4, and the negative vote, Demo crats, 47; Silver Republicans, 2; Populists, 1.

There were over a score of speakers to-day, and the closing speeches or each side were particularly able. Mr. Lanham, of Texas, closed for the majority, and Mr. DeArmond, of Missouri for the minority. Mr. Roberts was present throughout the day, and only left the hall after the result of the last vote was announced. As he did so he gave out a statement

justifying his retention of his plural wives, on the ground that his moral ob-ligation was more binding upon his conscience than technical obedience to statutory law, and saying that there was little excuse for the extraordinary efforts to crush a system already abandoned and practically dead. He said h was a martyr to a "spasm of preju-dice." He would not, he said, attemp dice.' to run for Congress again, although he would go back home with a light heart confident of the future.

IN THE SENATE.

Mr. Chandler Combated the Effort to Reopen Old Sores.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.-Just at the close of to-day's session of the senate a speech delivered by Mr. Money, of Mississippi, on the race ques-tion in the south, precipitated a heated colloquy between him and Mr. Chandler, (Rep., N. H.), in which the latter alleged that the southern senators, by intemperate statements, were reoper ing the whole southern question in the senate, after it was supposed to be dead. The charge which Mr. Chandler parficularly criticised was made by Mr. organ of Alabama, who is absent present; but as it had been reiterated substantially in Mr. Chandler's opinion by other senators, he declared he did not purpose to permit it to go unrefut-The charge was that the Civil was had been precipitated by designing poltticians of the north for the purpose o putting the slaves on a political and social equality with the southern whites. Mr. Chandler's refutation of the statement was made with characteristic vehemence and aggressiveness, but as no reply was offered the incident ended there The urgent deficiency bill, carrying

about \$9,000,000 was passed without di vision and practically without debate.

STAMP DECISION

Insurance, Gas, Water, Telephone Bills, When Paid by a Bank for a Depositor, Must Have Two-Cent Stamp on Receipt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25 .- Com missioner Wilson, of the internal revenue bureau, has rendered a decision, in which he holds that receipts for insurance premiums, monthly gas, water or one bills, and in fact all similar receipts or bills when cashed by a bank and charged to deporttors accounts. must have affixed thereto a two-cent stamp as orders for the payment of This applies not only when money. This applies not only when bank at the request of a depositor, but also when cashed by a bank without any expressed authorization from the depositor, but with his implied author-ity, as shown by his acquiescence.

FLAGS AT HALF MAST

On Account of Death of the Mother of the German Empress.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Immediately on he receipt of the news of the death of the Downger Duchess, the mother of the Empress, the imperial banner on the royal castle sank to half mast and the music on the parade ground was countermanded. Throughout the

city flags were half masted, including those over the United States embassy and consulate

and consulate.

The papers publish sympathetic obituaries and express feeling for the sorrowing empress. The emperor quickly dispatched messengers countermanding several important appointments he had made and then hastened with the empress for the train that would carry them to Dresden. The funeral will probably take place Sunday.

REPRESENTATIVE FREER

Ably Represented the Majority of the Roberts Committee in a Short Speech in the House-Personal. Big Attendance at Dewey Day Celebration.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Represen-tative Freer, owing to the demand of st many for opportunity to be heard in the debate on the Roberts question in the house to-day, gave away most of the time allotted to him, and therefore had but fifteen minutes in which to present his views. His speech was an able one however, and commanded close attention. He maintained that the views of the majority of the committee should be upheld, and combatted the idea advanced that the house cannot refuse admission to a man who is a law breaker, even though he may hold the properly authenticated credentials of a

member-elect. Mesers. Ira and Charles W. Robinson, and W. W. Scott, prominent West Virginians, are in the city. The Messrs. Robinson are accompanied by their

The prospect is that a large contingent of the West Virginia colony, together with many who are not West Virginians, will go from this city to at-tend the "Dewey Day" demonstration in Wheeling, February 22.

WEST VIRGINIA COLONY

Held an Enthusiastic Meeting. Speeches by Messrs. Dayton, Freer, Dovener, Charles Davis, W. W. Scott and Others-Big Delegations to Come to Meeting of Republican Clubs.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The West Virginia Republican Association held a largely attended meeting to-night, when addresses were made by Representatives Dayton, Freer and Dovener, the Hon, Charles Davies, Major W. W. Scott, of Clairmont, Mr. Ira Robinson, of Grafton, and others. Arrangements were made for the proposed reception to Senator N. B. Scott and Representa-tive Freer, the state's latest Republican additions to the legislative councils. The reception will be given the evening of February 16, at Willard's The association elected twenty hotel. delegates to the convention of Repub lican Clubs, to be held in Parkersburg

ARMED MEN GATHERED

in March.

At Frankfort, Stacked Arms at the State House and Distributed Them selves About the City, but No Conflict Occurred, and They Departed for Home.

ERANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 25,-Tissus ballots and intimidation continue to be the burden of the evidence offered by the burden of the evidence offered by the contestees before the state boards hearing the gubernatorial contests. To-day the state contest boards an-nounced the result of their condition of

the contestees counter notices. Two paragraphs were stricken out entirely, demurrers to twenty-five paragraphs were sustained and demurrers to nine paragraphs were overruled.
Attorneys for the contestees asked for

and were granted time to amend the paragraphs. Ex-Governor Bradley announced at

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Ex-Governor Bradley announced at the beginning of the day's session that a warrant was issued for the arrest of Judge Sterling B. Toney, of the Louisville law and equity court, wanted on the ground, that the judge refused to come to Frankfort to testify. The warrant was sent to Louisville for service to night in response to ex-Governor Bradleys' request.

A dosen Wolf county election officers testified to-day concerning the use of alleged tissue ballots.

The arrival in Frankfort this morning of from 800 to 1,000 men, armed with rifles, might have terrorized a community leas inured to unusual and sensational happenings, but by nightfall the excitement caused by the appearance of the warlike visitors had subsided and the people were prepared for another turn in the events now making history at the state's capital. The train that bore the armed men was made up of fourteen coaches. Apparently but few here knew that it was expected. The men left the coaches in front of the Louisville & Nashville station and forming into companies marched to the state house. Most of the visitors were deposited promiscuously and the men scattered nout the buildings. Luncheon was served to them at the rear of the state house. Most of the visitors were deposited promiscuously and the men scattered nout the buildings. Luncheon was served to them at the rear of the state house. Most of the visitors were deposited promiscuously and the men scattered nout the buildings. Luncheon was served to them at the rear of the state house. Most of the visitors were deposited promiscuously and the men scattered nout the buildings. Luncheon was served to them at the rear of the state house, where their arms were deposited promiscuously and the men scattered nout the buildings. Luncheon was served to them at the rear of the state house of of white ribbor, adorned with a previous for the state.

the statement, while Governor taylor and Adjutant General Collier disclarm any connection with them. The men hall from various sections of the state. Shortly after their arrival the visitors gathered in front of the main state Finley addressed them, afterward introducing Stephen Sharp, of Lexington, former judge of Fayette county, and Treasurer of State J. W. Tate. Judge Sharp spoke briefly and put himself at the service of the men. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions, indicating the purpose of their mission. The resolutions as adopted will be presented to both houses of the legislature to morrow.

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The armed men of the mountains, contrary to expectations, on the advice of the Republican authorities here, left Frankfort at 9 o'clock to-night. The consensus of opinion here is that the visitors mistook this for the day on which the contest beards were to make their reports.

The men were an hour getting aboard their train, and amused themselves during the delay by discherging their guns. The people of the city gave them a wide borth. They are expected to return when the contest ends.

DEMOCRATIC

Meeting at Charleston Selected at Time and Place for Convention

AT PARKERSBURG, JUNE SIXTH

District Conventions to be Held at Charles Town, Charleston, Clarksburg and Pt. Pleasant

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. The Democratic State Executive Committee selected Parkersburg as the place for holding the convention to nominate state officers. The vote stood Parkersburg 8, Charleston 3, Wheeling 2, The fixing of date was deferred until

to-night, when June 8 was agreed upon. The general sentiment was in favor of holding the convention prior to the national convention, and dates as early as May 1. May 9 and May 24 were suggest ed. An effort to fix it for July 11, failed by a vote of Il to 2.

After some discussion May 16 was agreed upon as the date for holding conventions in each of the four congressional districts to select delegates o the Democratic national convention. Each convention is, as usual, to select two district delegates and one delegateat-large.

District Conventions.

The following places were selected for conventions, First district, Clarksburg: Second, Charles Town; Third, Charleston; Fourth, Piessant, Moundsville was prop Point also, for the First district convention and Hinton for the Third.

The comimttee was called to order at 2 o'clock, in the parlor of The Hotel Ruffner, with Chairman Andrew Edmiston, of Weston, and Secretary W. A. Ohley, of Charleston, and eight other members present. They were S. B. Davis, Clarkesburg; H. R. Howard, Pt. Pleasant; George L Neal, Huritington; J. A. Holley, Hamiln; W. E. Chitton, Charleston; John T. McGraw, Grafton; Thomas B. Davis, Piedmont.

The absentees were represented by The absentees were represented by the folowing proxies: R. S. Kincheloe, Wheeling, by Joseph Handlan, Wheel-ing; R. F. Kidd, Gilmer, by C. D. Dod-son, Parkersburg; and R. M. Fisher, Berkeley Springs, by R. W. Morrow, Charles Town. The thirteenth member, J. W. Gallaher, was reported to have left the state to reside elsewhere, and C. E. Wells, of Glovers Gap, Marion county, was elected in his stead.

Want Separate Judicial Conventions. S. L. Flournoy, of this city, appeared on behalf of a committee appointed at the recent meeting of the state Bar As sociation with a petition that a separate convention be held to nominate judges of the supreme court.

On motion a committee, consisting of Messrs. Chilton, Morrow and Dennis, was appointed to take the proposition consideration. After deliberating some time the committee report ed recommending that it be discharged and that a new committee, of which the chairman of the state committee should be chairman, be appointed to confer with a committee of the Bar Association. There was considerable discussion as to proceedure, after which the matter was recommitted to the original committee with instructions to report in writing, so as to svold all possibility of a misunderstanding.

The next matter to come up was the selection of a place for holding the convention. R. E. Horner, presented the name of Parkersburg; John A. Howard, of Wheeling, and W. E. Chilton, that of Charleston. The vote was as follows:

Wheeling Gets Nothing.

For Charleston-Messrs, Chilton, Dennis and Holley; for Wheeling, Messra. Wells and Handlan; for Parkersburg, Messrs. S. B. Davis, Dotson, Howard, Neal, Edmiston, McGraw, T. B. Davis and Morrow

A committee, consisting of Messrs Neal, Dotson and Wells was appointed to make arrangements for the conven-

The places for holding the district conventions was taken up. S. B. Davis placed in nomination, Clarksburg, for the First district convention, Mr. Handstood: Clarksburg. 7: Moundsville, 3.

For the Second district convention,
Mr. Morrow named Charles

which was selected without opposition For the Third district, Hinton was amed by Mr. Dennis, and Charleston by Mr. Chilton. Charleston was chosen by a vote of 7 to 5.

Point Pleasant named by Mr. How ard, was selected without opposition for he Fourth district convention. The night session, after the fixing of

the date for the convention, was de-voted to a discussion of ways and means, during which the committee adjourned until to-morrow.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of Chlidrden's Home Society-Election of Offices.

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Special Dispatch to The Intelligencer,
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 25,—
The annual meeting of the Children's
Home Society of West Virginia was
held to-night in the senate chamber of
the capitol. All the executive officers
were re-elected, namely;
President, Governor G. W. Atkinson;
vice presidents, Dr. R. D. Roller, Rev.
M. F. Compton, of this city, and Congressman David E. Johnston, of Blueheld; secretary, J. R. Trotter, state superintendent of schools; treasurer, J.
Q. Dickinson, of this city, Rev. D. W. M. F. Compton, of this city, and Congressman David E. Johnston, of Bluehelt, secretary, J. H. Trotter, state superintendent of schools: treasurer, J. Q. Dickinson, of this city, Rev. D. W. Compatck was re-elected general su-

perintendent, and Roy, E. D. Hanna, of this city, district superintendent. Res-William Shoesmith, of Louisville, was appointed assistant apparatused the executive committee was re-sleeted. Mrs. Heary G. Davin, of Edition, Mrs. Holly G. Arrestrong, of Robert Mrs. J. T. Watters, of this city, and Mrs. D. W. Border, of Kernsysville, Jefferson county, were added to the board of directors.

The time for bolding the annual smeding was changed to the first Thursday in May, The next meeting will be held in May, 1901.

MR. BRYAN ENDORSED

In Advance by the Pennsylvania Democracy — Made a Speech, in Which the Burden Was the Unicago Platform of '96. HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 25.-The

state Democratic committee set the o-day, by making Colonel William J. Bryan its choice for the presidency in 1989. This action was taken by the committee while Colonel Bryan was on his way to Harrisburg from New York to attend the meeting and confer with the party leaders. This is probably the first time in the party's history that the Democrats of Pennsylvania have indicated their choice for President in advance of the state convention. There was a large attendance of Dimocrate from over the state to meet Colonel Bryan and hear him discuss the issues on which the coming campaign will be waged. The state convention will be held in this city on April 5 and will adopt a platform along the lines laid down by the Nebraska orator in his speech to-night before 5,000 people at the Kelker street hall. The platform will endorse the Chicago platferm de-claration of principles, denounce the trusts and imperialism, advocate ballot reform and pure elections and condemn machine politics. The convention will also nominate candidates for auditor general, Congress at large and presidential electors and elect eight delegates at large to the national conven-

tion. Colonel Bryan reached here at 3 o'clock and was escorted to the board of trade rooms, where the state committee was in session, by a committee representing the state and local Democratio committees. He was introduced to the assemblage by Chairman Rilling, and made a short speech, which was received with much enthusiasm. close of the meeting he held an informal reception at the Commonwealth hotel, and later he was the suest of Mayor Fritchey at a dinner party, at which Colonel Guffey, Chairman Riliing, and other party leaders were pres-After to-night's meeting he attended a ression of the local lodge of Modern Woodmen, of which he is an active member at his home in Lancoln. Colonel Bryan will go from here to Wilmington, Del., and from there to Washington to meet the national leaders. Congressmen Hall, of Elk; Polk, of Columbia, and Green, of Berks, who came here last night with the expeciation of meeting Bryan, were called to Washington before he reachd here, to vote on the Roberts explusion resolu-

Colonel Bryan was introduced to the assemblage by Chairman Rilling. Af-ter the enthusiasm subsided, the compet made a short speech. He said that he was to speak at length to-night on the questions which are before the country in the coming campaign and would not make an extended speech this after-

The Platform of '96.

"When I come to talk to eastern Democrats," he added, "I feel it is my duty to give them every assistance I can and to tell them that we appreciate the odds they have to contend against. It is easy to be a Democrat in the south and it is easier to be a Democrat in the west than it used to be. I believe the time will come when Chicago platform Democracy will be as popular in Pennsylvania as it is out in Nebraska. While no Republican can remember what was in the Republican platform of 1896 and while no gold Democrat can repeat the Indianapolis platform, every Democrat and Republican can remember the Chicago platform. The Demoeras ought to make progress in this state because the Republican party is more corrupt in this state than in any other state in the Union. Unless the people have forgotten to think and act for themselves they ought to rise up and wipe the Republican party out of

DEAD LOCK

Of Operators and Miners on "Run et the Mine !!

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 25 .- The first meeting of the joint scale commit-tee of the United Mine Workers of America and the Inter-State Operators Association, which was held this afternoon and evening, resulted in a deadlock and no report will be forthcoming at the joint session which will probably be held to-morrow afternoon. All the members were present from the com-petitive fields. The first demand of the miners was for mine run, which the operators declined to entertain. matter was argued at great length and finally an adjournment was had without reaching a solution of the matter. The miners left, it is understood, to report back to the delegates who rerettin in the city, and it is said a meeting will be called for that purpose to-mor morning. To-day's meeting was in the nature of a preliminary skirmish, in which an attempt was made side to have the other show its hand.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

Westarr Forement for Advance.
For Ohio-Pair Fifday, with colder in eastern portion; diminishing northwesterly winds; Saturday fair, with rising temperature.
For West Virginia and Western Fenn-ayirania—Colder Friday, with clearing in the early morning; diminishing northwesterly winds; Saturday fair and cold.

Land Townsandure.

Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner of Market and Pourteenth streets, was as follows:

7 H. m. 53 3 p. m. 53 3 a. m. 53 17 p. m. 84 11 m. 53 Weather—Chang'le,